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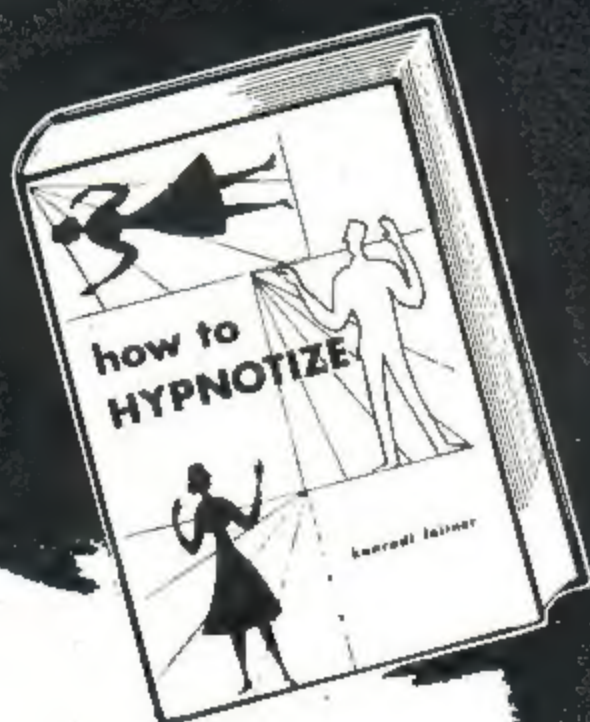
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STEVE BRAND—ALIAS
THE DURANGO KID—AND HIS
SIDEKICK, MULEY PIKE, ARE ON THE STAGECOACH. WHEN THE STAGE JOLTS TO A
STOP, THEY WILL FIND THEMSELVES FACING A NEW AND GRISLY HORROR—WHICH IS JUST THE
FIRST ACT TO THE GRIM DRAMA OF TERROR AND VENGEANCE THAT UNFOLDS WHEN THEY TANGLE
SIX-GUNS WITH THE
"HANGMAN'S LAW"



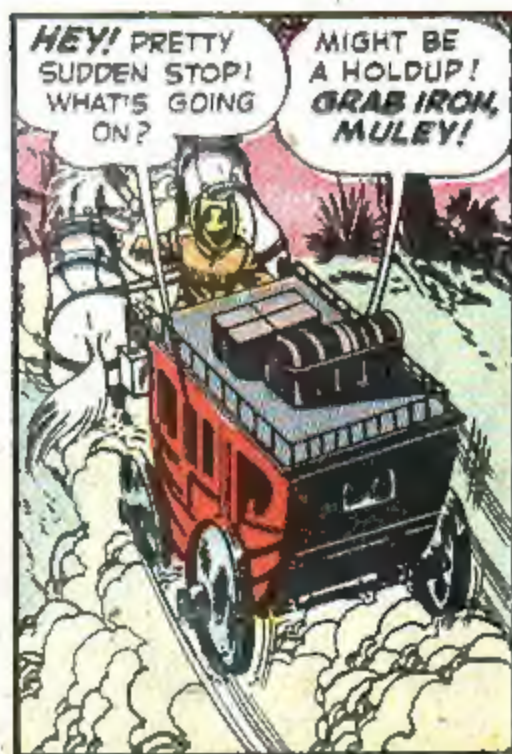
YES, I'M A REPORTER JUST OUT OF
JOURNALISM SCHOOL. JIM
HARKNESS, EDITOR OF
THE RED HOOK TRIBUNE,
INVITED ME TO COME
DOWN AND GET MY
EXPERIENCE ON
HIS PAPER.

I
RECKON,
MR.
GARNETT—
THAT YOU'LL
GET ENOUGH
EXPERIENCE
TO LAST YOU
FOR THE REST
OF YOUR LIFE!

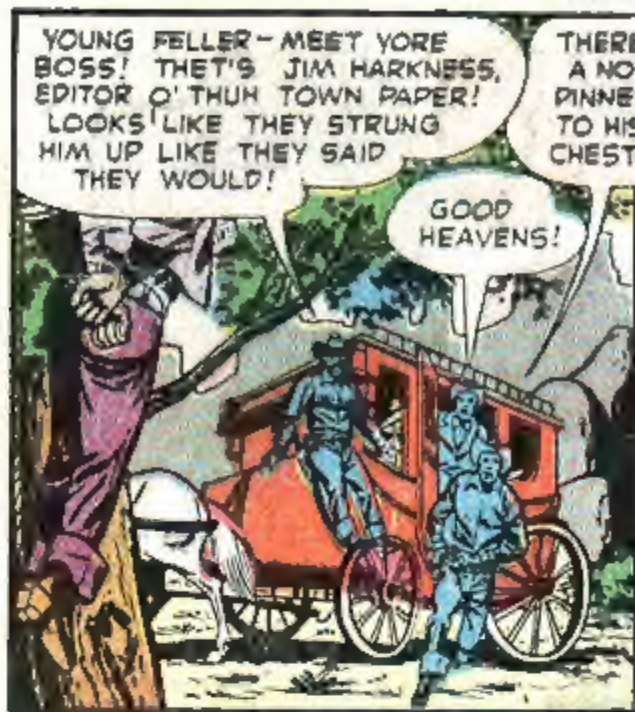


HEY! PRETTY
SUDDEN STOP!
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

MIGHT BE
A HOLDUP!
GRAB IRON,
MULEY!



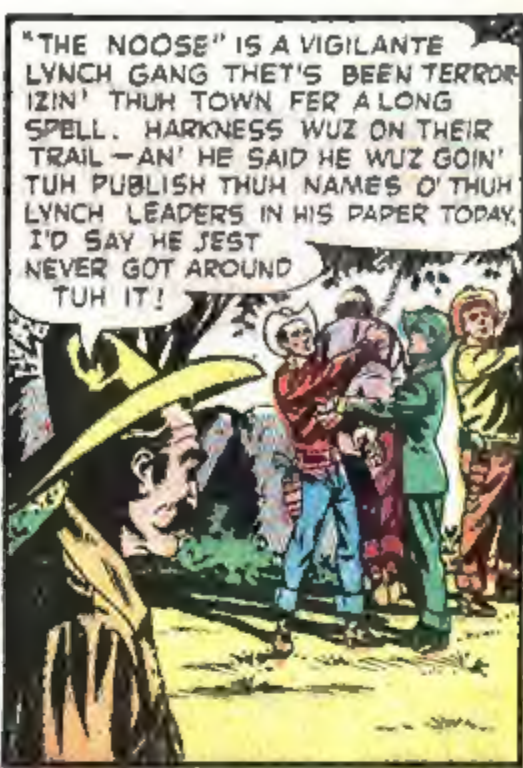
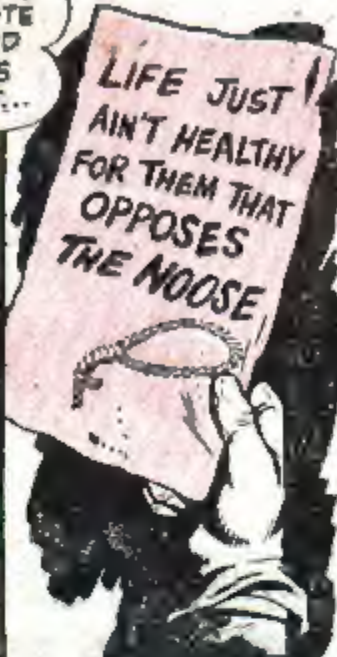
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YOUNG FELLER—MEET YORE BOSS! THET'S JIM HARKNESS, EDITOR O' THUH TOWN PAPER! LOOKS LIKE THEY STRUNG HIM UP LIKE THEY SAID THEY WOULD!

GOOD HEAVENS!

THERE'S A NOTE PINNED TO HIS CHEST...



"THE NOOSE" IS A VIGILANTE LYNCH GANG THET'S BEEN TERRORIZIN' THUH TOWN FER A LONG SPELL. HARKNESS WUZ ON THEIR TRAIL—AN' HE SAID HE WUZ GOIN' THUH PUBLISH THUH NAMES O' THUH LYNCH LEADERS IN HIS PAPER TODAY. I'D SAY HE JEST NEVER GOT AROUND THUH IT!



WELL—I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO! HARKNESS WAS LIKE A FATHER TO ME. I'M CARRYING ON WHERE HE LEFT OFF! I'LL GET "THE NOOSE" IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

THAT'S A GOOD CHANCE IT *WILL* BE THE LAST THING YOU DO!



MULEY AND I WILL SIDE YOU, GARNETT. YOU CAN COUNT ON US! LET'S GET INTO TOWN AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE.

SHORE HATE THUH SEE NICE YOUNG GENTS LIKE YUH TANGLIN' HORNS WITH DEATH!



LATER... AT THE TRIBUNE OFFICE...

THEY SHORE DID A JOB, ALL RIGHT!

IT'LL BE SOME TASK TO GET A CLUE OUT OF ALL THIS!



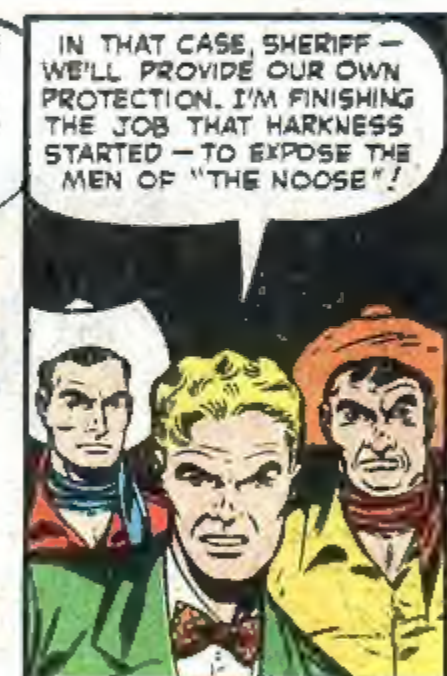
HEY, WHUT'S THIS? HYAR'S SOME TYPE THET AIN'T ALL SCRAMBLED UP. CAINT READ IT THOUGH—IT'S UPSIDE DOWN AN' BACKWARDS BESIDES!

THAT MUST HAVE BEEN WHAT HARKNESS WAS SETTING WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED... HEY, GARNETT, CAN YOU READ THIS?



THIS IS THE WAY TYPE IS SET BY HAND—SURE I CAN READ IT. IT SAYS—"THE SNEAK LEADERS OF THIS HANGMAN MOB ARE..."

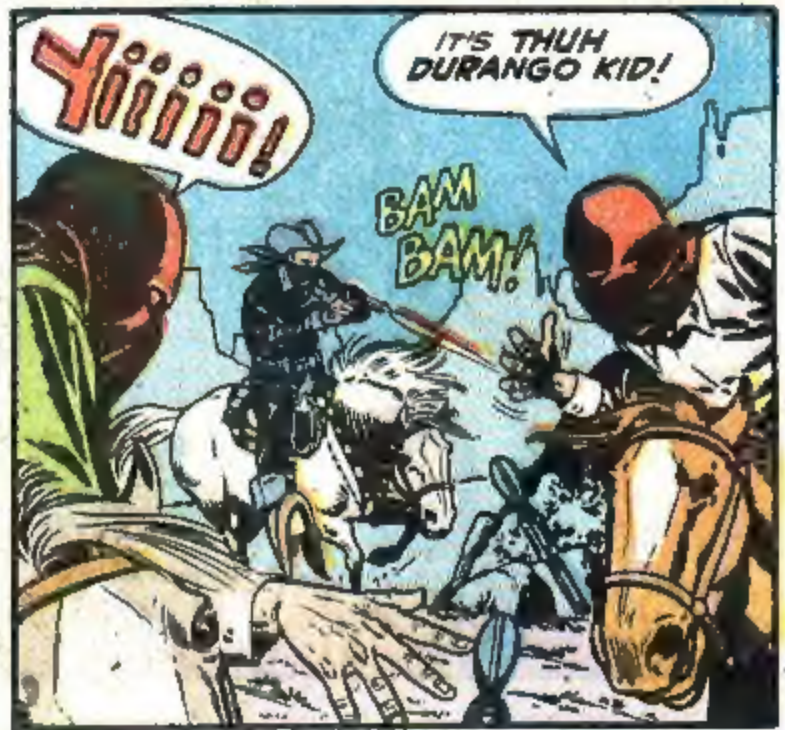
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WHUT'S THUH
IDEA, STEVE?
WHUT FER WUZ
YUH STROKIN'
THET SHERIFF'S
BRONC?

THAT HORSE WAS DRENCHED
WITH SWEAT! NO HORSE
LATHERS UP LIKE THAT ON
JUST A GALLOP OUT OF
TOWN! MEN— THAT HORSE
HAS BEEN RIDING HARD
ALL NIGHT!



YUH
MEAN—?

WHATEVER I
MEAN, THERE'S
NO PROOF AS
YET. AND WE
MUST HAVE PROOF.
WHAT WE HAVE TO
FIND OUT IS **WHO**
TOOK OVER THE
MINES OF THE
LYNCH VICTIMS!

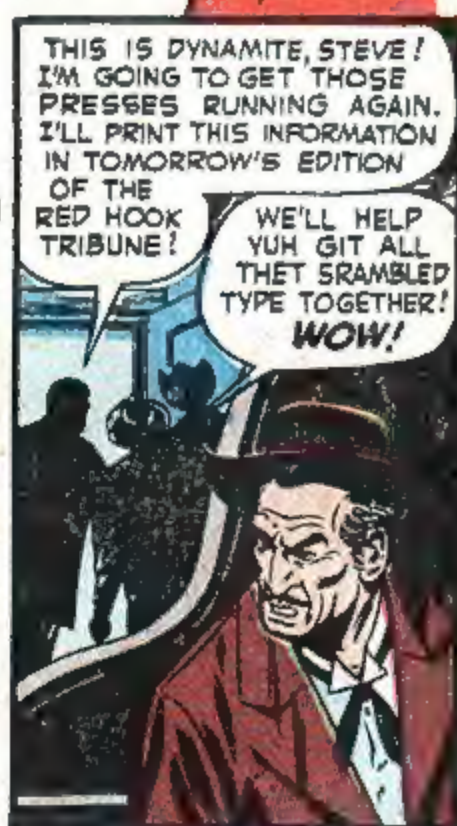


AND THERE'S ONLY
ONE PLACE TO FIND
THAT OUT—THE LAW
OFFICE! COME ON,
MEN—WE'RE GONNA
DO A BIT OF OWL-
HOOT WORK OUR-
SELVES!

A SHORT TIME LATER...
THE LAW OFFICE.

STEVE! THIS IS IT! THE
GOLD MINES OF EVERY
SINGLE VICTIM WERE
TAKEN OVER EITHER
BY THE SHERIFF OR
THE TOWN LAWYER!

RIGHT! AND
THEY'RE THE
RICHEST MEN
IN TOWN
BECAUSE OF
THAT! LYNCH
TERROR SURE
PAID OFF FOR
THEM!



THIS IS DYNAMITE, STEVE!
I'M GOING TO GET THOSE
PRESSES RUNNING AGAIN.
I'LL PRINT THIS INFORMATION
IN TOMORROW'S EDITION
OF THE
RED HOOK
TRIBUNE!

WE'LL HELP
YUH GIT ALL
THET SCRAMBLED
TYPE TOGETHER!
WOW!



NEXT MORNING...

THIS IS IT, MEN!
IT'LL BLOW THIS
TOWN WIDE OPEN!

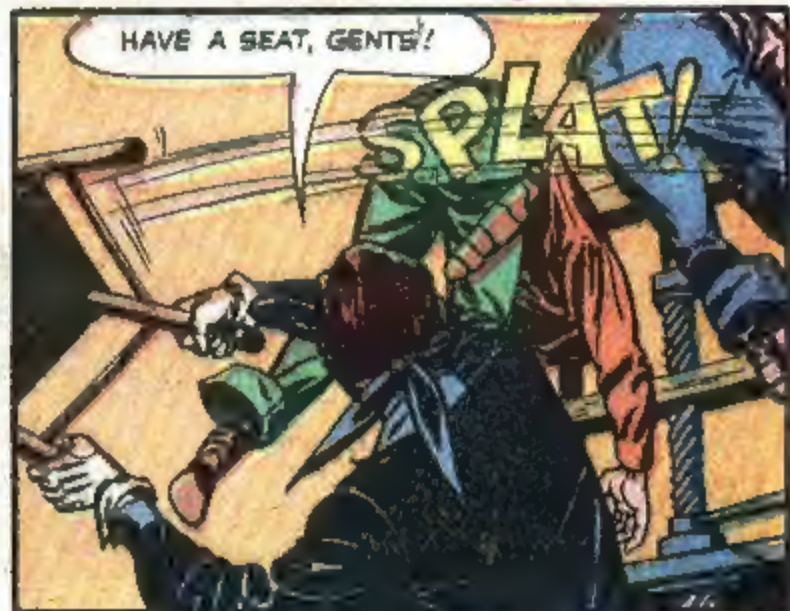
RED HOOK TRIBUNE
**PROVE SHERIFF
AND LAWYER LEAD
LYNCH MOB**



THET PAPER AIN'T NEVER
GONNA SEE DAYLIGHT, HOMBRES—
AN' NEITHER ARE YOU!
GIT 'EM, MEN!

**"THE
NOOSE?"**

THE DURANGO KID





SEE THAT SCARED KID UP FRONT? THAT'S ME—JIM BURLEIGH. SCARED? SURE WAS! WAR'S A ROTTEN THING AND THERE AIN'T A MAN WHO AIN'T SCARED. I RECKON I HAD A FEELING ABOUT WHAT WAS COMIN'. BUT THEN—I HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THE PART THE DURANGO KID WOULD PLAY IN!"

"The Death I Almost Died!"



THAT SHELL WAS MARKED FOR ME—JIM BURLEIGH...



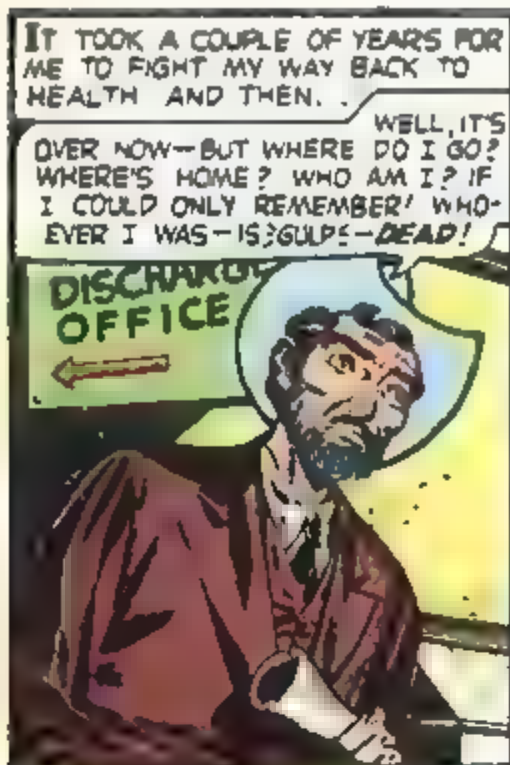
BY ALL RIGHTS IT SHOULD'VE KILLED ME! I WAS JUST A FEW FEET AWAY WHEN IT HIT...



PHYSICALLY, HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT—WHOEVER HE IS! THE CONCUSSION CAUSED COMPLETE LOSS OF MEMORY—HE CAN'T REMEMBER HIS NAME—HIS HOME—NOTHING! AND ALL IDENTIFICATION WAS DESTROYED!

...BUT I RECKON FATE HAD ANOTHER KIND OF DEATH STAKED OUT FOR ME!

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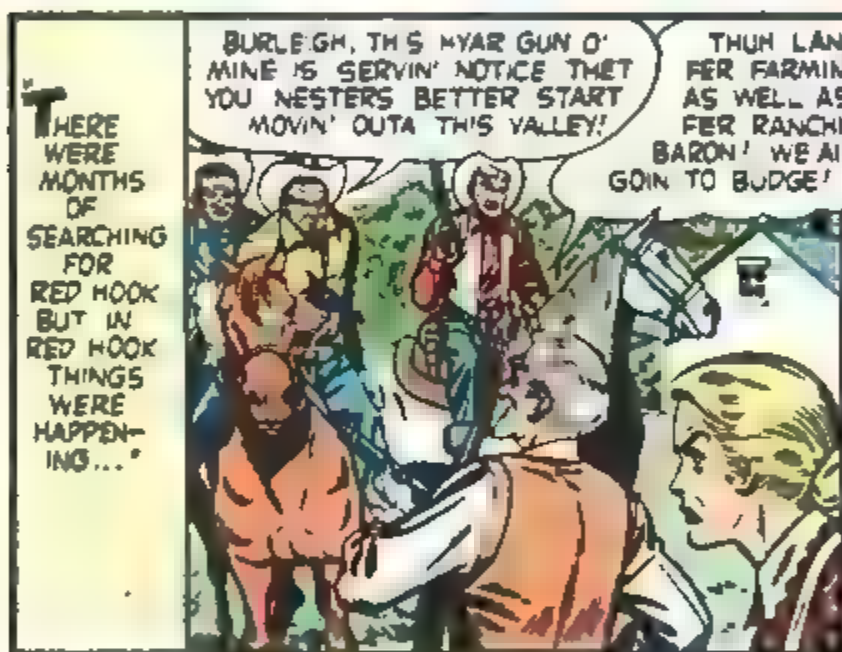
IT TOOK A COUPLE OF YEARS FOR ME TO FIGHT MY WAY BACK TO HEALTH AND THEN...
WELL, IT'S OVER NOW—BUT WHERE DO I GO? WHERE'S HOME? WHO AM I? IF I COULD ONLY REMEMBER! WHO—EVER I WAS—IS—GULPS—DEAD!



THERE'S ONLY ONE CLUE—THIS TORN SCRAP OF A LETTER THAT WAS FOUND IN MY RIPPED UNIFORM. ALL IT SHOWS IS PART OF AN ADDRESS—RED HOOK! AND THE WAY I TALK TELLS ME I COME FROM OUT WEST.



I'LL HEAD WEST. FIND RED HOOK. MAYBE SOMETHING SOMEBODY IN THAT TOWN CAN TELL ME WHO I AM I SURE WONDER—DID I HAVE A FAMILY? DID I HAVE A—A GIRL?



THERE WERE MONTHS OF SEARCHING FOR RED HOOK BUT IN RED HOOK THINGS WERE HAPPENING...

BURLEIGH, THIS MYAR GUN O' MINE IS SERVIN' NOTICE THAT YOU NESTERS BETTER START MOVIN' OUTA THIS VALLEY!

THUN LANDS FER FARMIN' AS WELL AS FER RANCHIN' BARON! WE AIN'T GOIN TO BUDGE!



MAYBE YUM AINT GONNA BUDGE, BURLEIGH—AFTER I SHOOT YUH! I AIN'T GONNA STAND FER NOBODY FARMIN' THIS RANGE—LAW OR NO LAW! GIT READY TUM DIE, STRANGER!



DROP THOSE GUNS BARON! I HEARD YOU WERE UP TO YOUR TRICKS AGAN! AND I GOT HERE JUST IN TIME!

DURANGO! YIIIIII!!



YOU MAY BE BOSS OF YOUR OWN RANCH BARON—BUT NOT OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY! THIS LAND'S BEEN OPENED TO FARMERS BY THE GOVERNMENT NOW START MOVING—FAST!

THIS AIN'T THE LAST YOU'LL HEAR FROM ME, DURANGO! THAT GOES FOR YOU TOO BURLEIGH!

THE DURANGO KID

THANK YUH KINDLY, DURANGO, FER YORE HELP. I GUESS I WOULDN'T BE NEEDIN' NO HELP IF ONLY MY SON JIM WERE BACK WITH ME AG'IN'.



THEY REPORTED JIM AS 'MISSING' IN THUH WAR BUT MYRA AN ME - WE JEST CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S DAD. KEEP HOPIN' HE'LL SHOW UP SOME DAY. JIM WAS GOIN' THUH WARRY MYRA.



IN THE MEANTIME, BARON AND HIS MEN HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE SALOON.

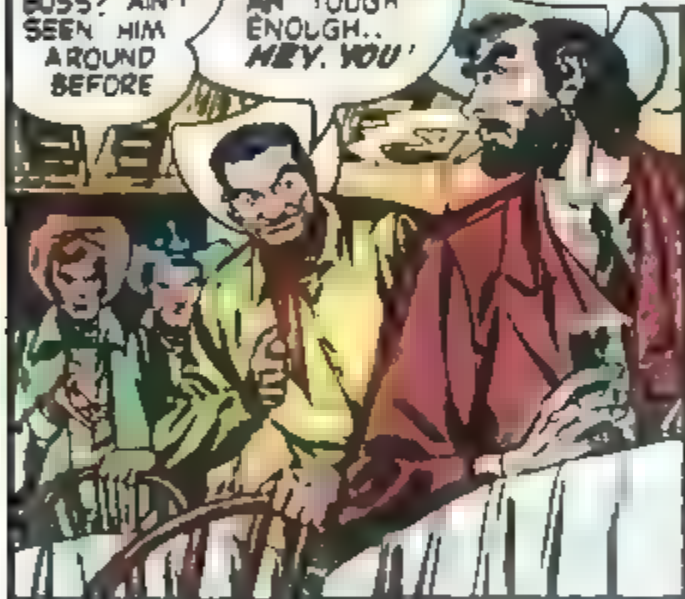
ONLY ONE THING FER US THUH DO MEN! I'M GOIN' THUH HIRE A PASSEL O' GUNRIDERS, AN' DECLARE **OPEN WAR** ON THEM NESTERS AN' THUH DURANGO KID!



HOW ABOUT THET HOMBRE BOSS? AIN'T SEEN HIM AROUND BEFORE.

HE SHORE LOOKS MEAN AN' TOUGH ENOUGH... **HEY, YOU!**

YOU CALLIN' ME MISTER?



YUH LOOK LIKE YUH KIN HANDLE A SHOOTIN'-IRON MISTER - AN' I NEED GUNRIDERS. HOW ABOUT WORKIN' FER ME? I PAY DOUBLE RIDIN' PAY AN' DOUBLE SHOOTIN' PAY. YUH LOOK LIKE YUH COULD USE THUH MONEY - HOW ABOUT IT?



WHY NOT? HERE I'VE BEEN IN RED HOOK TWO DAYS AND NOTHING COMES BACK TO ME - NOTHING! I'LL NEVER FIND MYSELF. I'M DESPERATE - BITTER! ALL I KNOW IS HOW TO SHOOT AND FIGHT - THE ARMY TAUGHT ME THAT MIGHT JUST AS WELL MAKE SOME MONEY OUT OF IT. I RECKON.

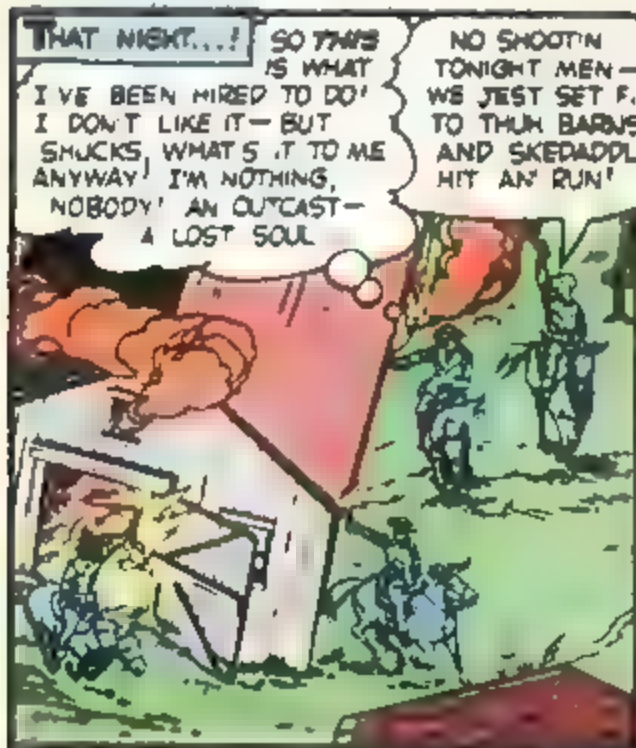


IF THERE'S MONEY IN IT, MISTER, I'M YOUR MAN! I'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE - NOTHING! NOT EVEN A NAME!

GREAT! YORE SADDLE-TRAMP DAYS IS OVER, HOMBRE. C'MON GENTS, LET'S ROUND US UP SOME MORE MEN - AND WE RIDE TONIGHT!

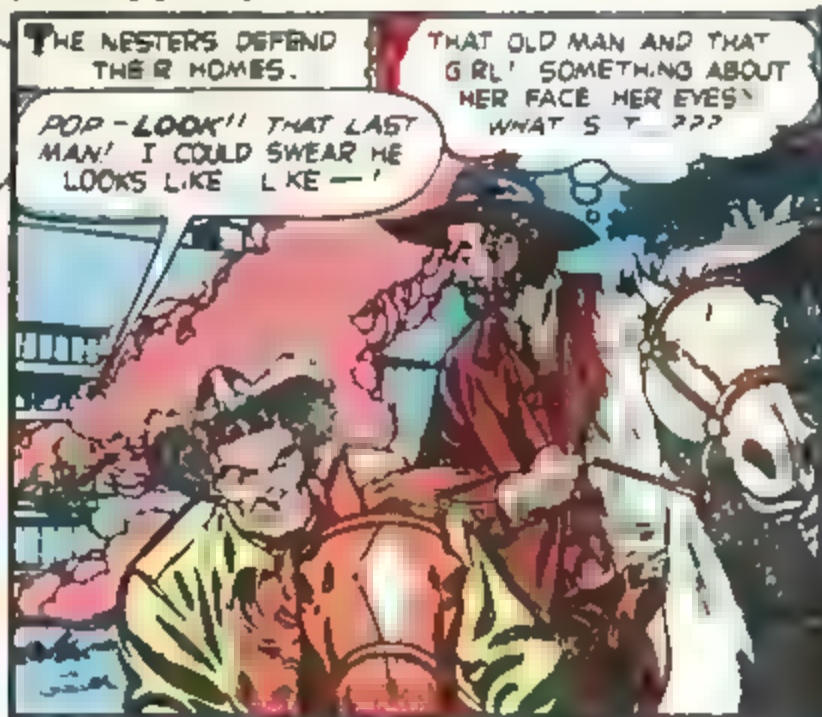


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THAT NIGHT...! SO THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN HIRED TO DO! I DON'T LIKE IT—BUT SHUCKS, WHAT'S IT TO ME ANYWAY! I'M NOTHING, NOBODY! AN OUTCAST—A LOST SOUL!

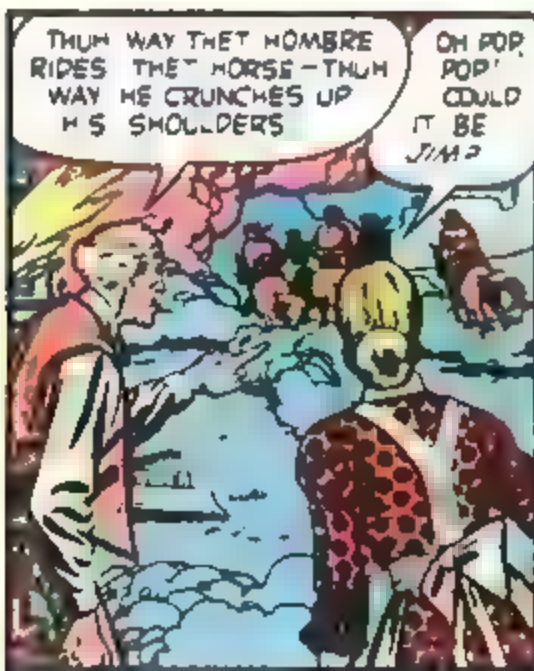
NO SHOOTIN' TONIGHT MEN—WE JEST SET FIRE TO THUM BARN AND SKEDADDLE! HIT AN' RUN!



THE NESTERS DEFEND THEIR HOMES.

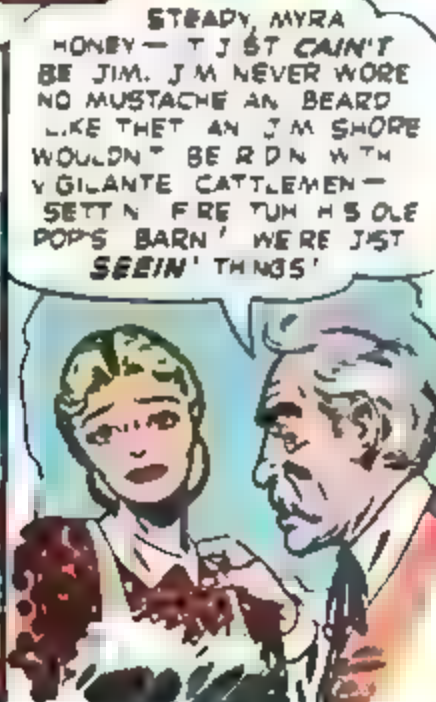
POP—LOOK!! THAT LAST MAN! I COULD SWEAR HE LOOKS LIKE LIKE—

THAT OLD MAN AND THAT GIRL! SOMETHING ABOUT HER FACE HER EYES! WHAT'S IT???

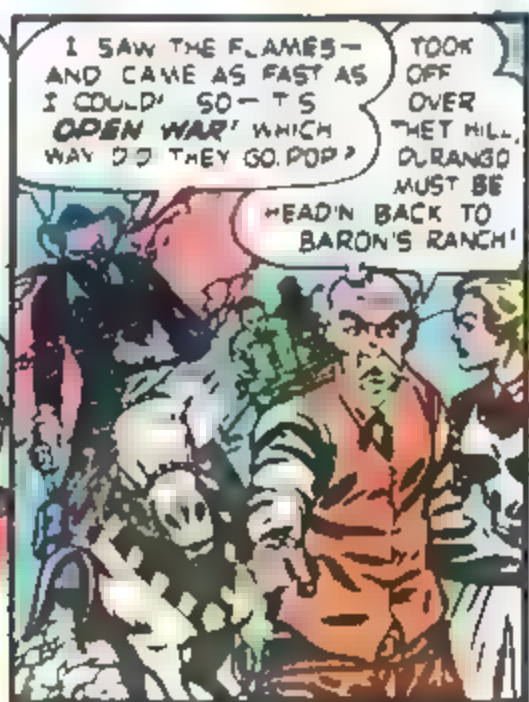


THUM WAY THET HOMBRE RIDES THE HORSE—THUM WAY HE CRUNCHES UP HIS SHOULDERS

OH POP, POP! COULD IT BE JIM?



STEADY, MYRA HONEY—T J ST CAIN'T BE JIM. J M NEVER WORE NO MUSTACHE AN' BEARD LIKE THET AN' J M SHORE WOULDN'T BE RDN WTH Y GILANTE CATTLEMEN—SETTIN' FIRE THUM HIS OLE POP'S BARN! WERE JST SEENIN' THINGS!

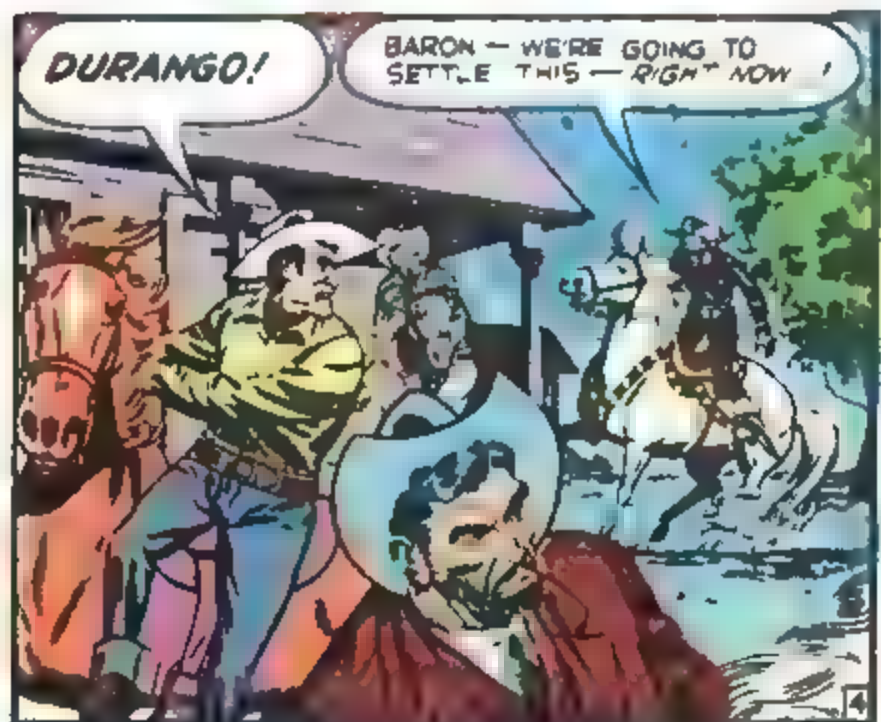


I SAW THE FLAMES—AND CAME AS FAST AS I COULD! SO—T'S **OPEN WAR!** WHICH WAY DO THEY GO, POP?

TOOK OFF OVER THET HILL, DURANGO MUST BE HEADIN' BACK TO BARON'S RANCH!



RIDE, RAIDER—RIDE! BARON'S GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME—AND HE'S GOING TO GET HIS EARS PINNED BACK! **RIDE!**

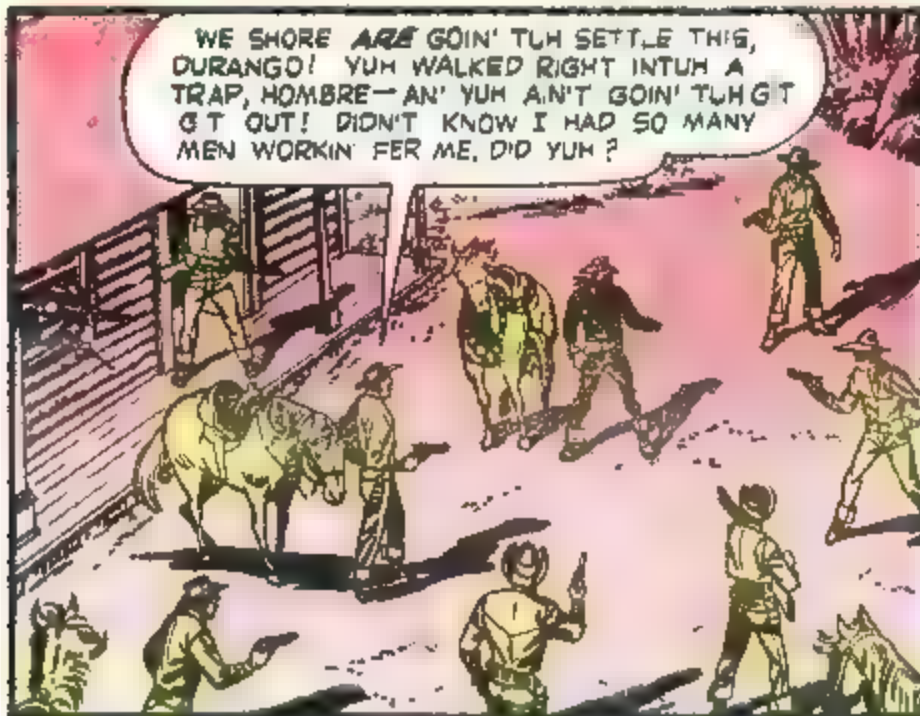


DURANGO!

BARON—WE'RE GOING TO SETTLE THIS—RIGHT NOW!

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WE SHORE **ARE** GOIN' TUH SETTLE THIS, DURANGO! YUH WALKED RIGHT INTUH A TRAP, HOMBRE—AN' YUH AIN'T GOIN' TUH GET OUT! DIDN'T KNOW I HAD SO MANY MEN WORKIN' FER ME, DID YUH?



THIS S GREAT! DURANGO WAS THUH ONLY THING HOLDIN' US BACK— BUT NOW WE GOT H.M, WE KIN DO **ANYTHING!** WE'RE GOIN' TUH HIT AT THEM NESTERS ONCE MORE TONIGHT, WHILE THEY'RE OFF BALANCE. THEY WON'T BE EXPECTIN' IT—AN' THIS TIME WE RUN 'EM OUT FER GOOD! TIE 'EM UP!



WE'LL LEAVE THET NEW GUY BEHIND TUH GUARD DURANGO. KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON HIM, HOMBRE— HE'S SLIPPERY!... C'MON, MEN— THIS IS IT!

BUT DURANGO IS NOT UNPREPARED FOR THIS EMERGENCY. HE HAS A NEW RING-OF HIS OWN INVENTION! A SIMPLE TWIST OF THE FINGER AND IT POPS A TINY, RAZOR-SHARP BLADE ..



IT IS NOW AN EASY MATTER FOR DURANGO TO CUT THROUGH THE ROPES AROUND HIS WRISTS ..

I SURE SEEM TO BE MAKING A RAT OUT OF MYSELF—THIS DURANGO SEEMS TO BE FIGHTING ON THE RIGHT SIDE! BUT—I GUESS I'M IN THIS TOO FAR TO TURN BACK NOW



THROW! ALL RIGHT MISTER— YOUR GUARD S OVER! I'M TAKING CHARGE NOW....!

WHAT THE...!



NOW, NOW— NO SHOOTING!



THE DURANGO KID



THIS SHOULD TAKE CARE OF YOU FOR AWHILE! AS FOR ME...



...I HAVE SOME URGENT BUSINESS WITH A CERTAIN MR. BARON...HI, RAIDER, HERE, BOY—TWEEEEEET!



AS RAIDER'S HOOF'S THUNDER AWAY INTO THE DISTANCE...

GROAN! OH, MY HEAD—WHAT A WALLOP! BUT—FUNNY THING—MY HEAD SEEMS CLEAR—THINGS COMING BACK... COMING BACK...



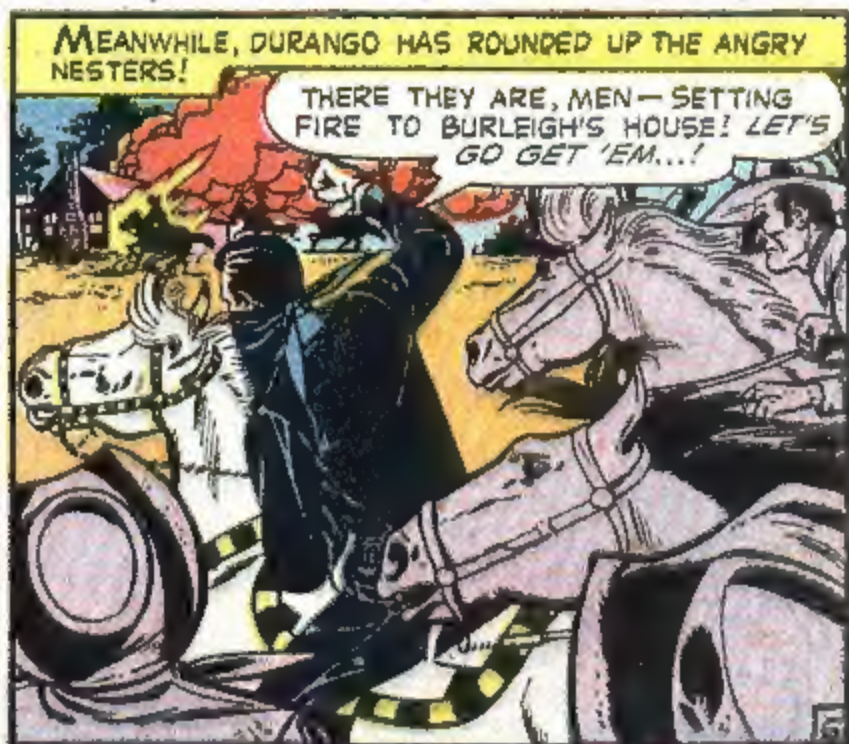
THE WAR...EXPLOSION... HOSPITAL... RED HOOK... BARON...I—I REMEMBER! THAT OLD MAN AND THAT GIRL I SAW TONIGHT—IT WAS—GLORY! I REMEMBER EVERYTHING!



BUT—WHAT AM I DOING HERE? WHAT A FOOL! I'M ON THE **WRONG SIDE!** I SET FIRE TO MY OWN BARN—FOUGHT AGAINST MY OWN POP, AGAINST THE GIRL I LOVE! JIM BURLEIGH, YOU'RE A ROTTEN FOOL!



WHAT'LL I DO? WHAT'LL I DO? THEY'LL NEVER FORGIVE ME! OH LORD—SHOW ME THE WAY...



MEANWHILE, DURANGO HAS ROUNDED UP THE ANGRY NESTERS!

THERE THEY ARE, MEN—SETTING FIRE TO BURLEIGH'S HOUSE! LET'S GO GET 'EM...

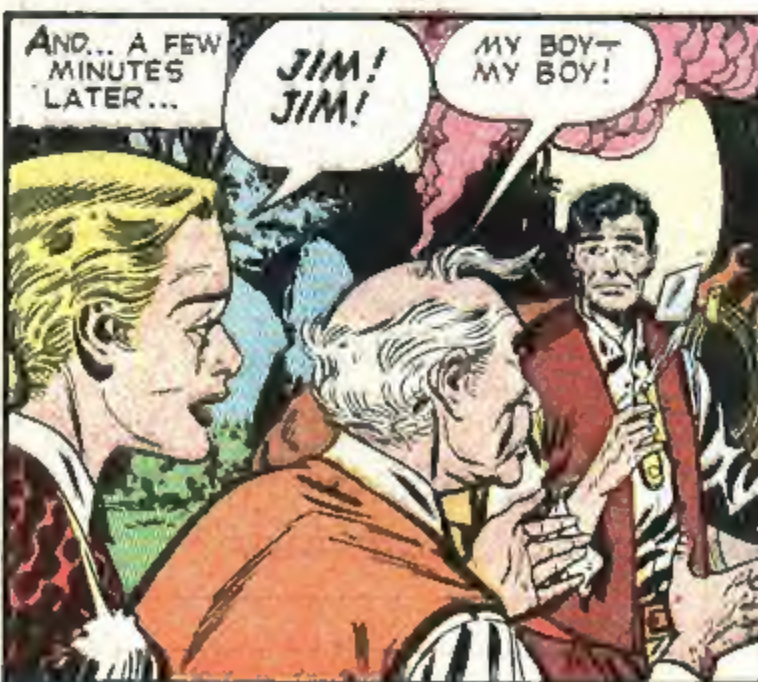
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POP!
IT'S THAT RIDER WE SAW!
CAN IT BE...!

IT'S THAT HOMBRE
I CONKED A WHILE
BACK... I DON'T GET
IT...!

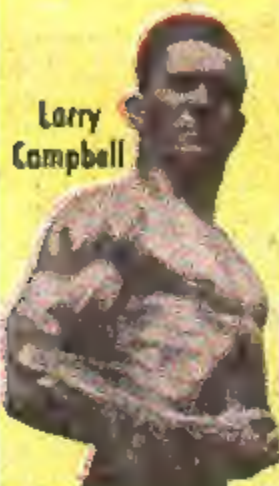
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Rex Ferris



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